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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2002, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, namely, claims 1-13, for prosecution in the subject application.

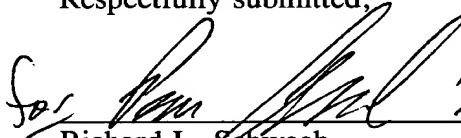
Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicants will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995) of method claim 14.

In addition, the Examiner has requested an election of species, and Applicants respond as follows: With respect to numbered **paragraph 2**, Applicants elect **Species A**, to numbered **paragraph 3**, Applicants elect **Species D**, and in numbered **paragraph 4**, Applicants elect **Species F**. Claims 1-8 and 10-13 are readable on the elected species, with Claim 1 being generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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